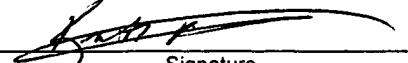


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Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, a response to which is due September 30, 2004 with a shortened statutory period for reply. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time with an authorization to charge the fee therefore is filed herewith, extending the period for reply to December 30, 2004. Therefore, this Response is deemed to be timely filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Listing of the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

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